

**Part One.**

**Authorities  
and  
Procedures**

## **Section 100.**

### **Alterations and Activities That Require an Assent from the Coastal Resources Management Council**

#### **100.1. Tidal Waters, Shoreline Features, and Contiguous Areas**

A. A Council Assent is required for any alteration or activity that are proposed for (1) tidal waters within the territorial seas (including coastal ponds, some of which are not tidal but which are coastal waters associated with a barrier beach system, and are physiographical features); (2) shoreline features; and (3) areas contiguous to shoreline features. Contiguous areas include all lands and waters directly adjoining shoreline features that extend inland two hundred (200) feet from the inland border of that shoreline feature. A Council Assent is required for any alteration or activity any portion of which extends onto the most inland shoreline feature or its 200 foot contiguous area. Representative activities are listed in Table 1, Table 1A, and Table 1B.

Any alteration or activities as defined in this section must have an assent card posted and have a copy of the assent available at the site where the intended activity or alteration is to take place. Failure to post assent card and/or have a copy of the Assent available constitutes a violation under this program.

B. Council Assents are also required for any other activity or alteration not listed in Table 1, Table 1A, or Table 1B but which (1) has a reasonable probability of conflicting with the Council's goals and its management plans or programs, and/or (2) has the potential to damage the environment of the coastal region.

C. Tidal waters and coastal ponds have been assigned to one of six use categories. Findings, goals, and policies pertaining to each water use category are found in Part Two of this document. Large-scale maps showing the use categories are available in coastal town halls and at the Council's offices. The precise delineation of the seaward boundaries of the state's territorial sea must be clarified through special state legislation. Until that time, the Council shall use as a guide-line the boundaries shown in Figure 1. The land-ward boundary of the territorial sea is the mean high

water mark along the Rhode Island coast.

D. Shoreline features together encompass the entire shore and are assigned to the following categories:

- 1) Coastal beaches and dunes;
- 2) Barrier beaches;
- 3) Coastal wetlands;
- 4) Coastal cliffs, bluffs, and banks;
- 5) Rocky shores; and,
- 6) Manmade shorelines.

The prerequisites, standards, and Category B requirements for on-land activities listed in Sections 300.1 through 300.16 and in Section 330 and 335 of this document apply to shoreline features, their 200-foot contiguous area, and inland activities subject to Sections 320 and 325.